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C. TOKYO 9759 DTG 241040Z JUL 74

D. STATE 160561 DTG 241944Z JUL 74

E. TOKYO 9773 DTG 260405Z JUL 74

1. IN THE PROCESS OF REFINING EARLIER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (REFS A,B, & D), MOFA HAS INCORPORATED FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS IN ITS GUIDANCE FOR RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES ON OTH. WE SEE NO PROBLEMS WITH CHANGES BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY DEPT COMMENTS ASAP.

2. QUOTE Q. WHY DID THE GOJ NOT MAKE PUBLIC THIS INFORMATION WHEN IT WAS RECEIVED? A. WE DO NOT MAKE IT A POLICY TO ANNOUNCE THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION WHEN IT IS RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. SIDE. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE DID NOT MAKE A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Q. IF THE SYSTEM SERVES FOR EARLY WARNING OF ATTACK AGAINST

THE U.S. BY THE USSR, THE FACILITY AT TOKOROZAWA WOULD
APPEAR TO HAVE A PURPOSE UNRELATED TO THE SECURITY TREATY.

A. THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT TOKOROZAWA IS FOR THE
PURPOSE OF EARLY WARNING AND NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS.
THE EARLY WARNING FUNCTION TOGETHER WITH THE NORMAL
COMMUNICATIONS FUNCTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF
THE DEFENSE OF THE U.S. AND CONTRIBUTES ALSO TO THE SECURITY
OF JAPAN.

Q. IT SEEMS CLEAR, JUDGING FROM THE CAPABILITY OF THIS FACILITY
THAT ITS PURPOSE IS TO DETECT MISSILES LAUNCHED AGAINST THE
U.S. BY THE SOVIET UNION. IF SO, IT POSES PROBLEMS UNDER THE
SECURITY TREATY. A. SINCE JAPAN DOES NOT POSSESS ANY DEFENSE
AGAINST NUCLEAR ATTACK, FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING HER
SECURITY, SHE HAS TO DEPEND ON THE U.S. DETERRENT. OTH
FACILITIES ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE EFFECTIVE THIS NUCLEAR
DETERRENT CAPABILITY. THEREFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH OTH
FACILITIES IN JAPAN WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS
OF THE U.S. NUCLEAR DETERRENT CAPABILITY AND
IN THAT WAY CONFORMS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE SECURITY TREATY. UNQUOTE
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